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The Ministry of Health and Social Services is looking to tighten regulation on hookah (commonly known as hubbly bubbly), e-cigarettes, vapes, and alcohol as part of a wider review of Namibia's tobacco legislation.

In collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), the Ministry is currently reviewing the Tobacco Products Control Act of 2010 to bring new and emerging nicotine products under stricter

control and to strengthen the fight against alcohol abuse.

Crucial Dates

- **Bank of Namibia Monetary Policy announcement date:**
 - * 13 August 2025
 - * 15 October 2025
 - * 3 December 2025

This development comes as part of efforts to reduce tobacco-related harm and align Namibia's legal framework with international public health standards.

Namibia has adopted WHO's six-point MPOWER strategy aimed at reducing tobacco consumption through monitoring use, protecting people from smoke exposure, helping users quit, warning about risks, enforcing bans on promotion, and raising taxes.

Minister of Health and Social Services Dr Esperance Luvindao acknowledged that while Namibia has made progress since the Act was passed in 2010, much more needs to be done, particularly in raising awareness among young people.

"There is still significant room to strengthen our tax policy to achieve greater health impact," Luvindao said, stressing the need for more aggressive excise tax measures within the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) framework.

The Minister also called for sustained and systematic public education efforts, particularly in schools and tertiary institutions.

"The task ahead remains significant for a systematic, well-coordinated awareness campaign targeting different audiences," she said.


Despite progress such as mandatory health warnings, annual education campaigns, and bans on tobacco advertising and sponsorship, the Ministry said enforcement and funding remain weak points.



The Tobacco Products Control Act provides for the creation of a Tobacco Control Fund to finance anti-tobacco initiatives, but this has yet to be implemented. "The case for operationalising the Tobacco Control Fund has become urgent now, if we are to ensure sustainable financing for tobacco control-related activities," Luvindao added.

WHO, in a joint message with the Ministry, said Namibia must close existing policy gaps and strengthen enforcement.

"We must act decisively to protect health by closing the remaining policy gaps, strengthening enforcement, and investing in proven tools such as MPOWER and SAFER measures." The Ministry also raised concerns over the rising health burden linked to both tobacco and alcohol use, and called for stronger leadership across political, traditional, and religious spheres to help shift public behaviour.

"In spite of these gains and plans, the harmful use of tobacco and alcohol continues to burden our health system, and it is among the contributing factors to preventable illness and deaths," Luvindao said.




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GIPF commits N\$900 million to pension-backed housing loan scheme

The Government Institutions Pension Fund (GIPF) has committed N\$900 million towards a pension-backed housing loan scheme that will allow members to borrow up to one-third of their retirement savings to buy or build homes.

According to GIPF CEO Martin Inkumbi, the capital for the loans will be provided directly by the Fund.

All repayments, including interest, will be paid back into the member's individual pension account. This approach, he said, enables members to access housing finance without eroding their long-term retirement savings.

"At this moment, up to N\$900 million has been committed for that purpose. GIPF will make the capital available from which members can borrow up to one-third of their benefit for the purpose of either buying or building a home," Inkumbi said on Monday.

He explained that the loans would carry an interest rate of 9.25%, approximately two percentage points lower than what most commercial banks currently offer.


Two entities have been appointed to administer the scheme following a



competitive selection process.

Kuleni Financial Services, a wholly owned GIPF subsidiary, will manage around 65% of the administrative workload, while First Capital will handle the remaining 35%.

Both were selected from a pool that



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included several commercial banks and other lending institutions.

“I must mention that it was not only these two entities that were invited to submit proposals. Many other lenders, including commercial banks, were approached, and the two were selected based on merit,” he added.

The scheme will require compliance with all relevant housing standards and regulations. In cases where loans are used for home construction, regular inspections will be carried out to ensure that building progresses in line with approved plans and timelines.

Inkumbi also noted that safeguards are in place to manage potential defaults. If a member fails to repay their loan, the outstanding amount will be deducted

from their pension benefit. This means the member would only be entitled to access two-thirds of their invested funds, rather than their full benefit—ensuring the long-term sustainability of the scheme.

“And when they are paying interest on that, they are effectively paying that interest back to their own pension benefit, so that the money they’ve withdrawn does not lose its time value,” he said.

The scheme is expected to be launched after the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between GIPF and the Office of the Prime Minister. Once signed, a three-month administrative phase will follow, after which application forms will be made available to members.



THE CHAMBER OF MINES OF NAMIBIA

13 July 2025

Correction of Sinomine Tsumeb Smelter financial information reported in 2024 Chamber of Mines Annual Review

To the esteemed members of the media,

The Chamber of Mines is compelled to rectify an error in our 2024 Annual Review regarding the Sinomine Tsumeb Smelter's financial performance. Contrary to the published figure, the smelter incurred a loss, not a profit of N\$274 million as incorrectly stated.

We sincerely apologise for any damage or misinformation this error may have caused our members and stakeholders. We kindly request that the media correct this inaccuracy in their reporting to reflect the true financial position of the smelter.

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MTC records N\$1.82bn revenue in six months to March 2025

Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTC) recorded a 15.8% rise in revenue to N\$1.82 billion for the six months ending 31 March 2025, up from N\$1.57 billion in the same period last year.

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The company attributed the growth to consistent subscriber gains, improved product uptake and stronger performance across its service portfolio.

“This robust growth underscores the effectiveness of MTC’s strategy to deepen mobile penetration, scale its digital ecosystem, and strengthen enterprise partnerships,” the listed telco said.

Prepaid services remained the main driver of MTC’s mobile business, with revenue increasing by 18%.

The company said this was fuelled by enhanced bundle offerings, better average revenue per user (ARPU), and strong demand for its Aweh product range.

With more than 57% of the previous

financial year’s prepaid revenue already earned in the first half, MTC expects this segment to outperform last year if current trends continue.

Postpaid revenue saw a marginal increase of 0.3% year-on-year, while monthly subscription income grew by 4%.

The Enterprise Business Unit (EBU) reported a 40.1% jump in revenue and a 51% increase in spectra connections, reflecting growing demand from corporate clients.

Sales of devices and accessories rose by 23%, supported by higher demand for handset upgrades and financing options.

Meanwhile, visitor roaming income grew by 26%, which the company linked to a recovery in tourism and new international roaming agreements.

Looking ahead, MTC said it will focus on growing prepaid revenue, accelerating broadband adoption, expanding enterprise contracts, and monetising digital platforms.

“Our focus for the second half of FY2025 is to drive the increase of prepaid revenue, accelerate broadband uptake, and expand enterprise contracts and monetise digital platforms.”

The company also plans to boost its fibre rollout and improve installation capacity, while its enterprise division will pursue high-value clients and regional opportunities.

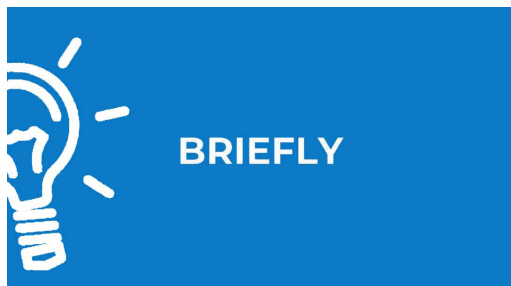
It added that customer retention, digital engagement, and channel efficiency will remain key priorities.



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Fuel in, Futures out



Namibia is set to become Southern Africa's fuel warehouse. Not by accident—by design.

Nigeria's Dangote refinery, the largest in Africa, plans to park 1.6 million barrels of refined product in Walvis Bay.

It's a logistical win: the port is well-placed and still has room to grow.

But here's the problem. We are building the shelves before we stock our own product. Namibia will host everyone else's oil before producing a drop of its own.

Offshore, TotalEnergies is still kicking the tyres on the Venus field, with a final decision not expected until late 2026. Shell, meanwhile, has quietly written down its earlier discovery—a polite way of saying they're not betting the house. And BW Energy's Kudu gas project remains exactly what it's been since the 90s: perpetually "in development."

This leaves us in a precarious limbo. We're the logistics guy in the backroom of the regional energy market. The one moving boxes, not closing deals. A warehouse clerk with a coastline.

It gets worse.

The state oil company, Namcor, was supposed to be the national muscle. Instead, it's busy starring in its own crime thriller. Credit was extended like confetti. Risk controls went out the window.

You can't build an energy-secure nation on bunkers full of someone else's product and a parastatal that can't keep its books clean.

This isn't just an oil story. It's a governance story. Namibia, once the quiet achiever in the region, risks becoming a cautionary tale: the country that chased oil wealth with half a strategy and more ambition than capacity.

Hosting fuel is not the same as producing it. A transit hub is useful, but it's not sovereign. If the price is right—or the politics are wrong—the product can be redirected elsewhere. That's the nature of commodities. They follow price signals, not flags.

If Namibia wants to matter in energy, it must do more than rent out its ports. It must control product. That means moving past memoranda and into actual barrels. It means ensuring TotalEnergies and others meet timelines, disclose content plans, and don't just treat Walvis Bay as an oversized pit stop for their own operations.

It also means a regulatory clean-up. Local content shouldn't be a brochure talking point—it should be enforceable. Royalties must be fair, transparent, and not subject to ministerial whim. And Namcor? It either gets a full forensic clean-out or it gets mothballed. There's no middle ground.

And let's not forget the public. Namibia has a poor track record with natural resource governance. Oil and gas are more lucrative, more opaque, and more easily captured by interests that speak fluent legalese and hide behind shell companies. This is not the kind of industry you stumble into. It must be met head-on, with rules, readiness, and teeth.

In the meantime, the tankers will come.

The state oil company, Namcor, was supposed to be the national muscle. Instead, it's busy starring in its own crime thriller.

The storage tanks will fill. There will be ribbon cuttings and tweets and op-eds from ministers quoting GDP projections with suspicious precision.

But none of it changes the fundamental imbalance: we're handling oil, not producing it. We're leasing space, not building capacity.

The future of energy in this country will not be written in Walvis Bay tank farms or at investor summits. It will be written offshore, on how we regulate, contract, extract and spend. And on that front, the clock is ticking—and our track record is patchy at best.

So yes, the tankers may dock. But for now, the future remains offshore—and worryingly out of reach.

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NamRA nets N\$19.9bn in Q1, hits 22% of annual revenue target

The Namibia Revenue Agency (NamRA) collected N\$19.9 billion in net revenue during the first quarter of the 2025/26 financial year, reaching 22.4% of its annual target of N\$88.999 billion.

According to NamRA's latest figures, gross revenue by 30 June 2025 stood at N\$22.5 billion.

After processing tax refunds worth N\$2.6 billion, the net amount stood at N\$19.9 billion.

"NamRA collected N\$22.5 billion in gross revenue during the review period. After processing refunds totalling N\$2.6 billion, net revenue stood at N\$19.9 billion

– representing 22.40% of the FY2025/6 annual revenue target," the agency said.

International taxes contributed the most, generating N\$5.7 billion or 28.6% of the net total.

This was followed by Value Added Tax (N\$5 billion), Pay-As-You-Earn (N\$4.2 billion) and Corporate Income Tax (N\$3.7 billion). Other tax categories made up N\$1.3 billion.

Domestic taxes brought in N\$13.6 billion, while customs and excise generated N\$6.3 billion.

NamRA previously reported revenue of N\$12.78 billion between 1 April and 31 May 2025.



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231 low-income homes planned in Windhoek at cost of over N\$70m

The National Housing Enterprise (NHE) is ramping up efforts to reduce the housing backlog in the Khomas Region, with plans to construct 231 new housing units for low-income residents.

According to Khomas Regional Governor Sam Shafishuna Nujoma, the units will be built in Otjomuise, Goreangab and Windhoek West at a cost of N\$70.3 million.

“Our region continues to prioritise the right to decent

shelter. These housing projects, led by NHE and supported by other partners, represent a tangible response to the aspirations of many Namibians living in informal settlements and overcrowded conditions,” he said.

NHE recently completed 11 houses under the Informal Settlement Upgrading Programme, benefiting families in Goreangab and Greenwell.

The project cost N\$2.7 million. A further 23 homes worth N\$5.7 million are

Our region continues to prioritise the right to decent shelter.

planned under the same programme.

Nujoma also confirmed that 13 more units will be built for low- to middle-income residents at a cost of N\$15 million.

“Partnerships between government, institutions like NHE, and civil society remain crucial if we are to close the housing gap and ensure that no one is left behind,” he said.

The Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia, in partnership with the Namibia Housing Action Group, is continuing to expand access to affordable housing

through community-led initiatives.

The Federation has installed water infrastructure at several sites, including 47 plots in People’s Square (Katutura), 24 in Oshiwana Penduka (Okahandja Park), 16 in Betesta (Goreangab), and 55 in United People (Greenwell).

Engineering designs for four more land blocks, which will benefit over 142 plots, have been completed.

The Federation is also upgrading Peter Nanyemba Block 2, home to more than 1,200 households.



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MTC takes top honours with five wins at Brand Africa Awards

Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTC) has been named the Grand Prix Most Admired African Brand – Telecommunications at the 2025 Brand Africa Awards, earning recognition for its growing impact on the continent's digital landscape.

The awards were announced at a ceremony held in Windhoek on Monday, where MTC also claimed the titles of Grand Prix Most Admired Namibian Brand, Most Admired African Brand (Aided Recall), Most Admired Namibian Brand Doing Good for Society and the Environment, and Most Admired Namibian Brand Contributing to a Better Africa.

The telco was also recognised as the Most Admired Telecommunications Brand in Namibia.

"These awards are a

testament to the passion, resilience and innovation that define MTC," said Tim Ekandjo, MTC's Chief Brand, Marketing, Communication and Sustainability Officer.

"We are deeply honoured to be recognised by Brand Africa. This achievement reflects the trust our customers place in us and the dedication of our teams who work tirelessly to connect communities, bridge digital divides and power Africa's digital future."

Brand Africa, the organisation behind the awards, said MTC's recognition reflects its brand leadership and purpose-driven business model.

Now in its 15th year, the Brand Africa Awards highlight companies that are shaping Africa's development through excellence in branding and social impact.

Commenting on the

company's performance, Ekindjo said MTC has recorded a number of milestones over the past decade. "In 2011, we became the second operator in Africa to launch 4G services, despite the challenges posed by Namibia's vast geography," he said.

"In 2016, we partnered with Huawei to trial LTE-Advanced and 4.5G technology, the first such test on the continent. We followed that with the 081Every1 campaign in 2017, through which we erected over 581 towers to bring 3G coverage to every populated area in Namibia," he added.

Ekindjo noted that during the COVID-19 pandemic, MTC enabled the government's remote working policy by accelerating digital access.

He also highlighted the company's landmark listing on the Namibian Stock Exchange in 2021.

"This was the first time a Namibian public enterprise transitioned from full state ownership to a publicly traded entity," said Ekindjo.

"The IPO raised N\$2.54 billion, the largest in Namibian history."

In terms of technological advancement, Ekindjo said MTC successfully demonstrated its 5G readiness in 2024.

On the social investment front, Ekindjo pointed to the launch of "MTC 4Life" in 2023, a programme aimed at tackling youth unemployment by providing skills training and business support.

"We are equipping young Namibians with practical and entrepreneurial skills to start or grow small businesses," he said.

He also mentioned the

National Internship Programme, launched in 2019, which has so far placed over 1,000 students in paid internships.

"In 2024 alone, we supported 293 interns, offering stipends and valuable workplace exposure," Ekindjo said.

Turning to digital financial services, he said the launch of MTC Maris in October 2024 marked a major step forward in financial inclusion.

"This mobile money service allows users to store, send and receive money using any mobile device, with no need for a bank account. It works even on basic 2G or 3G phones," he explained.



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2025 Haval H6 facelift – sharper, smarter and still great value

By Max Lodewyk

The facelifted Haval H6 has officially arrived in Namibia and we visited Pupkewitz GWM to get a firsthand

look at what's new.

The H6 has long been a favourite for its spacious cabin, premium feel and strong value proposition. Now, Haval has taken a



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winning formula and refined it into a sharper, more tech-savvy contender in the midsize SUV segment.

First Impressions: Bold and Upmarket

From the moment you see it, the design changes are obvious. The soft, rounded face of the previous model has been replaced by a bold new front grille with the Haval badge proudly placed at the centre. Flanking it are vertical LED daytime running lights and squared-off bumpers that give the SUV a more planted, muscular presence.

Around the back, the full-width light bar has been replaced with sleeker split LED taillights and updated GWM badging. A set of gloss-black 19-inch alloy wheels now comes standard across the range, adding to the H6's more premium and upmarket aesthetic.

Interior: Tech-Focused and Modern

Step inside and the H6 immediately feels more advanced and better put together. A large 14.6-inch infotainment touchscreen dominates the dash, paired with a crisp 10.25-inch digital instrument cluster. Both screens are responsive, easy to navigate and run Haval's latest user interface.

Standard interior highlights include:

- * Wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto
- * Dual wireless charging pads
- * A redesigned floating centre console with enhanced storage;


and

* A column-mounted gear selector replacing the traditional lever

The layout is noticeably cleaner and more ergonomic, reflecting the H6's push toward a more premium experience.

Engine: More Power, Better Efficiency

The facelift also brings notable upgrades under the hood. The 2.0-litre Turbo Petrol produces a 170 kW and 380 Nm and its driven by a new 9-speed dual-clutch transmission. It is Available as either front wheel or all wheel drive and claimed fuel consumption is 7.4 L/100 km (FWD) / 8.3 L/100 km (AWD).



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Whereas the 1.5-litre Hybrid (HEV) knocks out a 179 kW and 530 Nm with a claimed fuel consumption: 5.2 L/100 km.

Practicality and Safety

The H6 remains a strong performer in terms of practicality, with approximately 560 litres of boot space (hybrid and plug-in hybrid models substitute the spare wheel with a tyre repair kit).

On the safety front, Haval has kept the H6 well-equipped with a full suite of advanced driver assistance systems, including:

- * Adaptive Cruise Control
- * Lane Keep Assist

- * Blind Spot Monitoring
- * Rear Cross Traffic Alert
- * 360° Camera with Transparent Chassis View
- * Front and Rear Parking Sensors

Pricing

- H6 2.0T Luxury FWD - N\$498,900
- H6 2.0T Ultra Luxury AWD - N\$614,900
- H6 1.5T DHT HEV Luxury - N\$ 651,900
- H6 1.5T DHT HEV Ultra Luxury - N\$693,900
- H6 1.5T PHEV Ultra Luxury AWD - N\$811,900

All models include as standard:

- * 7-year / 200,000 km warranty
- * 7-year / 75,000 km service plan
- * 8-year battery warranty (HEV and PHEV models only)

The updated Haval H6 is not just a cosmetic refresh, it's a meaningful upgrade that brings sharper looks, better tech, more powertrain options and enhanced safety.

It builds on the solid foundation of the outgoing model while pushing the envelope in all the right places. So if you're in the market for a bold, feature-rich, and forward-thinking midsize SUV, the new H6 facelift should be high on your list.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

First date of publication: 09 June 2025

DBMNE0602 – MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROJECT DELIVERY EPCM SERVICES

DESCRIPTION:
The long-term sustainability of Debmarmine Namibia is critical and requires the overall profitability of the company aided by investments in a portfolio of interventions for production expansion and stay-in business capital projects. Therefore, Debmarmine Namibia invites experienced Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management (EPCM) service providers that can conduct the full spectrum of project phases in multidisciplinary projects related to the mining and construction industry in accordance with mature project development and investment models.

EPCM COMPETENCIES REQUIRED:
The Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management (EPCM) service provider must be able to demonstrate:

1. A successful track record in delivering the full scope of project phases relevant to multidisciplinary Greenfields and Brownfields mining and construction infrastructure projects.
2. Adequate project management, project controls, project procurement and project engineering competencies, qualifications, experience, controls, systems and processes for successful project delivery of multidisciplinary capital projects.

DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT:

1. Business profile
2. Track record: comprehensive detail and references of at least 3 previous large multidiscipline capital projects to demonstrate project performance on:
 - a) Project safety performance and metrics used;
 - b) Project cost performance and controls / metrics used to track cost performance;
 - c) Project schedule performance and controls / metrics used to track project schedule performance;
 - d) Project scope/quality performance and metrics/ criteria used to measure project quality performance.
3. A demonstration of competencies in the application of best Project Management and Engineering practices and standards in multidisciplinary capital projects (via appropriate CV's & related experience and proof of certified qualifications).
4. To demonstrate competency and understanding of projects of this nature, by providing a high-level study work plan for a Conceptual Study for a typical multidisciplinary Greenfields capital project incorporating considerations of improved performance in technical solution, improved maintainability and cost efficiency and inclusive of trade-off options. The conceptual study work plan to include:
 - a) A work breakdown structure (WBS) for the typical deliverables associated with a concept study of this nature;
 - b) A resource management plan (clearly indicating the disciplines and efforts needed for a concept study of this nature);
 - c) A high-level schedule and schedule management plan for the concept study;
 - d) A high-level cost estimate and cost management plan for the concept study (Note: the cost will not be for contractual purposes and will only be used to determine understanding and competency).

CLOSING DATE: 18 July 2025 at 12:00.

ENQUIRIES:
The Commercial Officer
Tel: +264 61 297 8481
Email: E tender@debmarine.com
Asite Marketplace: <https://za.marketplace.asite.com/>
Subject line: DBMNE0602 – MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROJECT DELIVERY EPCM SERVICES

Bidders must register on our electronic platform Asite Marketplace <https://za.marketplace.asite.com/> to participate in this RFP.

DISCLAIMER:
Debmarmine Namibia shall not be responsible for any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a response to this Expression of Interest and furthermore reserves the right not to extend this Expression of Interest into any future tenders, negotiations and/or engagements. Debmarmine Namibia will not accept submissions rendered after the closing date and time.



Lawmakers to enforce oversight across key sectors

Namibia's Parliamentary Standing Committee on Natural Resources has called for stronger accountability across key sectors, warning that absenteeism among senior officials and a focus on profit over public interest are undermining oversight efforts.

Chairperson of the Committee, Tobie Aupindi, said Parliament would no longer tolerate institutions that disregard formal

invitations to appear before lawmakers, particularly in sectors such as mining, energy, agriculture, tourism and fisheries.

"When we invite accounting officers, EDs, directors and CEOs, we expect them to show up and not delegate these responsibilities to their distinguished junior officers," said Aupindi.

Speaking at a recent Committee engagement, he criticised a growing trend

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where executives fail to engage directly with Parliament, instead sending lower-level staff who lack the authority to speak on institutional decisions.

“Those who absent themselves will be subpoenaed to appear before the Committee,” he warned.

Aupindi also took aim at corporate leadership in the extractive industries, calling for a shift towards ethical, long-term stewardship of Namibia’s natural resources.

“The Natural Resource Committee will demand a people-centred, ethical leadership within the industry players in the natural

resources sector, a leadership where captains are more people-centred and not just profit mongers,” he said.

Established in April 2025 under Article 59 of the Constitution, the Committee is tasked with ensuring sustainable management of the country’s natural assets and holding both public and private sector stakeholders to account.

“Our responsibilities are to safeguard our natural resources and hold those responsible to account,” said Aupindi. “We must be unapologetic and intentional in safeguarding and maintaining strategic processes,

biodiversity, natural resource beneficiation, and ownership qualities for the long-term benefit of the Namibian people.”

He emphasised that parliamentary oversight is not a symbolic exercise, but a constitutional function backed by legal authority.

“Our powers are provided for by the Constitution, and I say this without fear of contradiction,” he added.

The Committee will continue to focus on sectors it views as central to national development, including oil and gas, land, renewable energy, fisheries, tourism and green hydrogen. Aupindi said upcoming sessions will aim to ensure greater alignment with Namibia’s development goals.

“We will explore the potential for Namibia to become number one by using Namibia’s natural resources to promote economic growth through sustainable solutions,” he said.

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ENQUIRY NO. E045-ND-2025

THE PROVISION OF GREENFIELDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES

SPECIFICATION OF THE SERVICES

Namdeb Diamond Corporation (Pty) Ltd hereby invites reputable and suitably qualified service providers to submit their proposals to provide Greenfields Maintenance Services within the Town of Oranjemund.

The deliverables shall, without limitation, include the maintenance of:

- Parks and Gardens;
- Tree Belts;
- Sports Fields; and
- Oranjemund Golf Course;

ENQUIRY DOCUMENTS

Interested parties may contact Elizabeth Markowitz, at the below listed details, to register and obtain a copy of the enquiry documents:

Email: elizabeth.markowitz@namdeb.com
 Tel.: +264 (63) 238 502

COMPULSORY SITE VISIT

A compulsory physical site visit shall be conducted on **Monday, 28th July 2025, at 09h00. Only Tenderers who attended the physical site visit shall be eligible to participate in the tender process.**

SUBMISSIONS

All documents in support of the requirements must be submitted via e-mail to tender@namdeb.com
 Closing date and time: **Wednesday 6th August 2025 at 14h00.**

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Prioritising water, electricity and rates & taxes: A call to action for all residents

By Harold Akwenye

In the daily hustle of urban life, where expenses abound and temptations are many, we are often forced to make difficult choices about how we spend our hard-earned income.

But in this ever-evolving world of needs and wants, one truth remains constant: water, electricity, and municipal services are not luxuries – they are lifelines.

As the City of Windhoek, we are increasingly concerned about a troubling trend among residents – a pattern of misplaced financial priorities that undermines essential household well-being and jeopardises service delivery.

It is not uncommon today to find households in arrears with their water, electricity, or municipal rate payments, while luxury purchases and non-essential spending continue unabated.

Store accounts for designer clothing, subscriptions to entertainment platforms, and weekend outings take precedence over electricity for children to study, hot water for winter mornings, or clean water to maintain hygiene. This is not just a question of budgeting – it is a reflection of values. And unfortunately, it is the most vulnerable who often pay the price.

One concerning scenario we frequently encounter is where young working adults continue to live at home with their parents or grandparents (pensioners), enjoying the comforts of municipal services but



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making no financial contribution toward the water, electricity, or rates and taxes.

Over time, the municipal account grows, and the elderly – often on fixed incomes – are left to carry a financial burden they cannot meet. The outcome is devastating: water and electricity disconnections that leave our elderly citizens without basic services due to the ill-discipline and lack of accountability of younger household members.

Let us be unequivocal – paying your municipal bills is not only a legal obligation but a moral and intergenerational responsibility. These services sustain your household's safety, dignity, and development. Delaying or defaulting on payments does not only affect you; it weakens the collective service delivery framework for the entire city.

The City of Windhoek thrives to remain the most affordable electricity distributor in Namibia. It is important to note that we do not generate electricity. We purchase it

from Nampower, and the price we charge residents is determined by the cost we incur from them.

The City only adjusts its tariffs in direct response to Nampower’s pricing structure. Unfortunately, many residents wrongly direct their frustration at the City when prices increase, yet we are simply passing on the cost from the national supplier without additional markups.

Despite these challenges, the City remains committed to supporting our residents. We offer payment arrangements, compassionate engagements for pensioners, and avenues for resolving

disputes or billing errors. We are here to assist – but residents must meet us halfway.

So we ask:

What good is a new smartphone when your grandmother has no hot water?

What joy is there in nightlife when your siblings are studying by candlelight?

What pride can one take in designer labels when your municipal account is drowning in debt?

Let us reframe our priorities and remember that water, electricity, rates and taxes are not optional – they are essential. They power our lives, preserve our health, ensure our safety, and enable the success of our children.

We call on every resident – whether young or old, employed or self-employed – to treat their municipal obligations with the seriousness they deserve. If you live in a household, contribute. If you enjoy the services, pay for them. If you are facing hardship, engage us early.


Paying your municipal bills is not just about compliance – it is a statement of character, responsibility, and care for the people in your home and your community.

Let us change the narrative, honour the essentials, and prioritise what truly matters – for a stronger, healthier, and more resilient Windhoek.

***Harold Akwenye**
is Manager:
Communication and
Marketing at the City of
Windhoek

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Namib Desert Diamonds (Pty) Ltd (NAMDIA) hereby invites qualified, competent, and registered consultants to express their interest for the under-mentioned:



Bid Number	Bid Description
EOI/ OIB/ NAMDIA/01-2025	Provision of Diamond Valuation Services on "as and when" Required Basis


Cost per set of Document: Free

Document Availability: The document for this EOI is available on the NAMDIA website www.namdia.na and E-GP <https://egp2.gov.na/>

Closing Date: Kindly refer to the Expression of Interest (EOI).

Details of Bid Submission:
Kindly submit your bid in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with the "BID NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION" as stated above, to be deposited in the bid box located at the entrance at NAMDIA, Erf 337, Cnr of Sam Nujoma Drive and Nkwame Nkrumah Road, Klein Windhoek.

For Enquiries Contact: Tel: +264 83 331 1111/ 26
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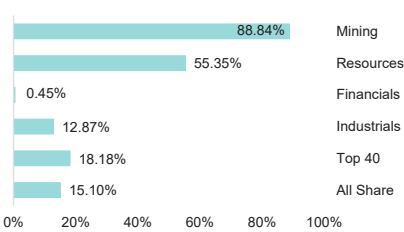
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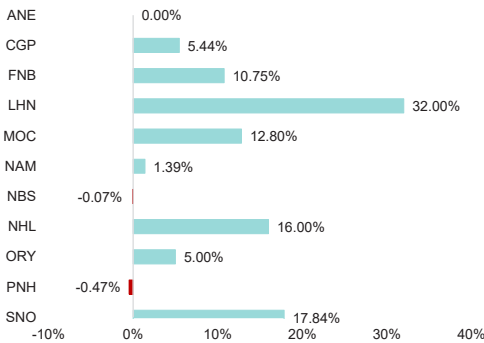
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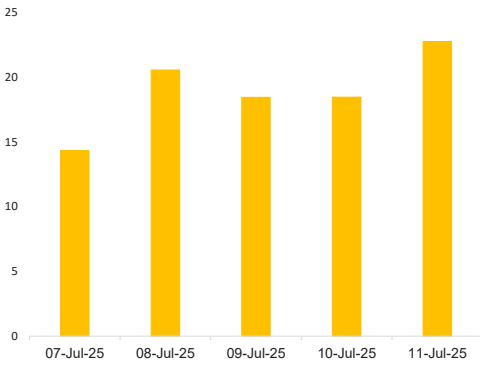
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